Funds allocated for Bulgarian Wrestling Meet

3243. SHRI VIJAYJ. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sports Authority of India has alleged that due to non-receipt of adequate help from the Ministry of Sports, SAI are not able to hold fresh trails for the Bulgarian Wrestling Meet;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that during February-March about 60 junior wrestlers had fled the National Camp at Aurangabad Special Training Centre alleging poor living conditions, etc;

(c) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed for this fiasco; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that Sports Training Institute and similar training-oriented organisation have world-class training inputs and matching infrastructure facilities?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir. the selection trials are conducted by the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF) *i.e.* Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) in this case. WFI conducted two trails for this meet on 5th March & 19th March, 2005, respectively.

(b) The wrestlers had fled the national camp at Aurangabad alleging poor facilities and bad treatment. The Director General, Sports Authority of India, who was deputed to conduct an inquiry, reported that the playing facilities as well as boarding/lodging arrangements provided to the national campers were satisfactory. As per information received from SAI, 37 wrestlers in the camp, alongwith 24 unauthorized persons staying with the campers at Aurangabad left the camp on 1st March, 2005 because the presence of 24 extra persons was objected to by the senior coach of the Sports Authority of India. The wrestlers later went back & joined the camp.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

(d) National camps are allotted on the request of concerned National Sports Federation's as per programme agreed under the Long Term Development Plan (LTDP). Normally, National Coaching Camp are organized at such places, where International Standard training facilities are available.